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2. The material demand of the Main Administration of the Ministry for the 1956 investment program was as follows:

Kind of Material	1955 Demand (in Tons)	Quota already by the Ministry of Steel (in Tons)
Round U. steel NP 8 - 18	265	90.5
I and U steel NP 20 - 40	265	9.5
Flat bar steel	1,750	53.0
Thin metal plate up to 3 mm	26	11.1
Commercial sheet of 5 mm and more	50	20.0
Medium plate up to 5 mm	45	3.5
Welded tubes	51	6.0
Portland cement	16,000	105.0
Sawn timber (cbm)	1,800	105.0
Ceramic tubes	800	20.0

20. In April 1956, there was a considerable lack of round steel in the U.S.S.R. with the result that construction projects of the Fifth Administration for Heavy Chemistry were called into question. With the available quotes of round steel, construction work could only be done until about July 1956. An inquiry concerning this problem was sent to Dr. Werner Zirkler, Minister for Chemical Industry, who answered that no round steel was delivered by the West and that he did not know when a delivery would be again counted upon.

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